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OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Calhoun Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Friendship Baptist Church,

Calhoun County, Mississippi,

October 25th, 26th and 27th, 1883.

Officers:

H. L. JOHNSON.....Moderator.
L. W. HARRELSON.....Clerk.

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MINUTES

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Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Calhoun Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE CALHOUN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in its Eighth Annual Session with the Baptist church of Christ, at Friendship, Calhoun county, Miss.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Elder P. Lanford, text, Acts 9 chap. 6 verse.

After an intermission of one hour for refreshments, the delegates assembled in the house.

Sung a hymn and prayer by Elder J. W. Riley.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The annual letters from the churches were presented and read by Elders T. H. Smith and J. R. Sumner.

Names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—no letter.

Concord—letter but no delegates.

Dividing Ridge—C. T. Williams, H. F. Smith, W. R. Kinney.

Driver's Flat—G. W. Riley, M. H. Martin, R. C. McKinney.

Elam—J. M. French.

Friendship—H. J. Hawkins, G. W. Yedder, B. H. Landreth.

Hopewell—L. Griffin, James Moore.

London Hill—no letter.

Liberty—G. W. Morehead, Thomas Vines.

Hebron—no letter.

Mt. Comfort—letter but no delegates.

Mt. Tobar—R. H. Cruthirds, J. N. Bryant.

Mt. Mariah—B. Davis, J. D. Sheppard, H. Pettit.

Mt. Arrarat—W. F. P. Andrews, T. J. McEntyre, F. J. Striblin.

Macedonia—L. W. Preddy, J. M. Harrelson.

New Liberty—J. D. Whittle, Louis Lester, B. F. Watkins.

New Hope, Calhoun county—letter, no delegates.

New Hope, Pontotoc county—H. P. Zinn.

Poplar Springs—S. B. Morgan.

Pittsboro—J. S. Ryan, R. F. Stokes, L. W. Harrelson.

Pine Grove—J. D. Durbid.

Pilgrim's Rest, Yalobush county—G. C. Goodwin, John Bell.

Pilgrim's Rest, Calhoun county—no letter.

Pleasant Ridge—no letter.

Pleasant Grove—G. R. Brown, J. R. Martin, J. D. Duncan.

Rocky Mount—L. R. Guthrie, E. M. Crocker, J. S. Winter.

Shiloh—W. D. Bene, G. B. Jones.

Spring Creek—H. L. Johnson, J. A. Davis.

Turkey Creek—A. A. Bruner, J. M. Williams.

Sarepta—Joseph Griffin.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the former Moderator, Elder H. L. Johnson, and the former Clerk, L. W. Harrelson, was re-elected by acclamation.

On motion the order of business of last year was adopted.

The following were appointed a Devotional committee, viz:

G. W. Murff, W. F. P. Andrews, with the pastor and

deacons of Friendship church.

Called for corresponding messengers from other Associations, when Elder T. H. Smith from the Oxford, and Elder J. R. Sumner from the Aberdeen Association, presented themselves and were duly received as such.

PERMANENT REGULATIONS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who is present at any Association or body with which we are in correspondence, be authorized to act as our messenger to said Association or body, upon the presentation of a minute or other satisfactory evidence of this Association, and that this be a standing resolution until the same is repealed by this body.

PETITIONARY LETTERS CALLED FOR.

One was presented from Mount Arrarat and one from Sarepta, asking for membership in this Association, said churches being sound in their articles of faith and rules of practice were duly received, and the Moderator, on behalf of the Association, extended to their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Home Missions—W. D. Bene, R. C. McKinnie, W. F. P. Andrews.

On Foreign Missions—J. S. Ryan, Joseph Griffin, H. J. Hawkins.

On Education—R. F. Stokes, G. B. Jones, C. T. Williams.

On Sabbath-schools—G. C. Goodwin, G. W. Riley, R. H. Cruthirds.

On Finance—L. W. Preddy, J. M. Harrelson, J. A. Davis.

On Mississippi College—J. R. Sumner, H. P. Zinn, John Bell.

On Temperance—W. G. Morehead, S. B. Morgan, L. R. Guthrie.

On Nominations—L. W. Harrelson, G. W. Riley, Louis Lester.

On Publications—G. W. Riley, E. S. Ellzey, E. M. Crocker.

The Devotional committee reported Elder W. D. Bene to preach Thursday night, Elder T. H. Smith Friday at 11 o'clock, Elder R. W. Thompson at night and Elder W. G. Morehead Saturday night.

On motion, the Association adjourned till half past 8 o'clock Friday morning.

Prayer by the Moderator.

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SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. R. Sumner.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report, which, after being ably discussed, was adopted.

The committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report:

That while God has committed to the church the Gospel of salvation, and required its promulgation to earth's remotest bounds. He has not only graciously furnished his servants with the means for its accomplishments, but has from time to time indicated by his providential dealings, specific localities where he would have the gospel preached, and miraculously opened the way by demolishing the walls and bars erected against it, until now there is scarcely a nation or province on our globe where the servants of Jesus may not freely proclaim the glad tidings of salvation through a crucified and risen Savior. Even the wildest savages and most obdurate barbarians have been compelled, by hostile armies or the more peaceful agencies of commercial treaties, to accord the right of the religious services of the true God. Not only so, but the Macedonian cry comes to us from the dark and down-trodden sons and daughters of paganism and heathenism, "Come over and help us." Therefore,

Resolved, That, in view of the blessings we have received and the indications of the divine will, it is our duty, by our prayers, influence and contributions, to aid in preaching the gospel to every creature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. RYAN, Chairman.

On adoption of the above, a collection was taken up and $5.25 was contributed for Foreign Missions.

The committee on Home Missions read their report and pending the adoption the Association adjourned for preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met and called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder G. W. Riley.,

The consideration of the report on Home Missions was resumed, and after being ably discussed by Elders W. D. Bene, R. F. Stokes, J. R. Sumner, R. W. Thompson, G. W. Riley, T. H. Smith, G. C. Goodwin and W. L. Gideon, was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on State and Home Missions would report as follows:

Our work in the State and that under the direction of the Board is in many respects encouraging. The last annual report from the Secretary was one of the grandest during the work of the Board. There is yet a large per cent. of the churches that is doing but a small part in the work, and many are doing nothing. The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and should not be neglected by the churches, and we should give a dividend of our mission funds for the establishment of the Baptist faith in the west and many of our large cities. We claim to be missionaries; let us prove our faith by our works.

Resolved, That the ministers of this body most earnestly

and constantly keep the subject of missions before the people, and show them the necessity of spreading the truth of Christ.

Resolved, That the layety request their pastors to preach missions in case the pastor is neglected.

Resolved, That this body appoint one active man to keep in correspondence with the different Boards and pastors and ministers of this Association, and try to infuse life into the churches on the subject of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BENE, Chairman.

In pursuance of the above the Moderator appointed Elder W. D. Bene to carry on said correspondence, postage and stationery to be paid for by the Association.

The delegates from the churches named below promised to try to raise the amount set opposite their names from their respective churches during the next Associational year for State Missions, viz:

Mt. Ararat	$ 2 50
Dividing Ridge	5 00
Driver's Flat	5 00
Elim	5 00
Friendship	5 00
Hopewell	5 00
Liberty	5 00
Mt. Tabor	10 00
Mt. Moriah	5 00
New Hope, Pontotoc county	5 00
Pittsboro	10 00
Pine Grove	2 00
Pilgrim's Rest, Yalobusha county	5 00
Pleasant Grove	5 00
Rocky Mount	5 00
Shiloh	12 50
Spring Creek	10 00
Turkey Creek	5 00
Sarepta	2 00

On motion, the Association adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Prayer by Elder W. G. Morehead.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, October 27, 1883.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Joseph Griffin.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools would report:

That from the reading of the letters from the churches, that there are very few Sabbath-school in the bounds of our Association. This ought not to be so. Every church should have a Sabbath-school, because it is necessary to the present welfare and future happiness of our children to train them in Bible truths. There is no better means to do this than in a well directed Sabbath-school, in which their minds may be impressed with Bible truths and the pure love of God. Therefore,

Resolved, That we urge the brethren to organize a Sabbath-school in each church in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. GOODWIN, Chairman.

The above report was discussed by Elders W. G. Morehead, W. D. Bene, R. F. Stokes, H. L. Johnson and R. W. Thompson and was then adopted as above.

The report on Education was read, discussed, and amended, and then adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education would report the following:

That the time has come when it is absolutely necessary that our children should be educated, for inteligence must and will rule the country, and it is a fact that the schools for the colored people are more extensively patronized than the white

schools, a colored school with a much less number of pupils can make a report of a greater average than the white ones do. This says to the white people that the time has come when they must go to work in this matter. Therefore,

Resolved, That we use our most earnest endeavors to get the people aroused to a sense of their duty on this subject.

But youy committee would respectfully call the attention of the Association to the subject of Ministeral Education. If we have young men among us who feel it their duty to preach the gospel and are not able to educate themselves it is our duty to help them by our means to accomplish this noble end.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. STOKES, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance would report as follows:

Cash for sister Crocker	$24 90
For minutes	40 25
Foreign Missions	12 90
Home Missions	6 25
Total	$84 15

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. PREDDY, Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors of each church in this Association be requested to appoint a suitable person in his church to try to collect 25 cents from each member of the church for the support of Elder James Martin and sister Minta Crocker, widow of Elder E. A. Crocker, and forward the same to the Clerk of this Association as soon as collected for distribution.

On motion the Association adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Allen Bruner.

Report on Mississippi College read, discussed, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

There were in this Institution the last session 244 pupils, 204 of whom were from Mississippi, 32 from Louisiana, 3 from

Missouri, 2 from Texas, 1 from Arkansas, 1 from Illinois, and 1 from Utah.

It would seem from this that our school has a wide reputation but its reputation is not greater than it deserves. The present session opened with more than 200 pupils. The outlook is encouraging, but this does not say that our College should not have our prayers and our money. It is doing more for our denomination in the State than any other institution. Therefore we ought to do something for it, as it is in such pressing need. It has prepared men for great usefulness, many of whom are laboring in our own State. Others in other States and yet others in foreign lands. This great and glorious work will go on if we will do our duty.

Resolved That every delegate be requested to try to raise something in his church for this worthy institution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. SUMNER, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report:

That in this day of improvements and progress, that the growth of intemperance is fearful and startling; it has kept apace and in front, it has increased one hundred per cent., especially that of intoxication and use of tobacco. And our hopes by the grace of God are in the training and shaping of the young minds of our country by urging them against the evil. We are pleased to be able to report that there is not a single place in Calhoun county where intoxicating liquors are sold.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. MOREHEAD. Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations would recommend Eld. W. G. Morehead to preach the introductory sermon at our next meeting, and Eld. W. D. Bene alternate. For Executive Board, G. W. Murff, J. A. Killingsworth, R. H. Cruthirds, W. G. Morehead and Allen Bruner.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. HARRELSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications beg leave to report:

That we would recommend to our brethren the Baptist Record, The Little Missionary. the Foreign Mission Journal and the Argus, a prohibition paper published at Clinton, Miss.,

by brother W. A. Hurt. We further recommend the Sunday-school literature, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, and Kind Words, published at Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. RILEY, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he retain ten dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and hereby tendered to the church at Friendship, and to the community around, for the hospitality displayed in the entertainment of the members of this body.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful performance of their respective duties.

Resolved, That this body ratify the action of the officers of this Association in their postponement of the meeting of the same from September to October.

After singing a hymn and giving the parting hand, and prayer by Elder W. G. Morehead, the Association adjonrned to meet with Pilgrim's Rest church, four miles north of Air Mount, Yalobusha county, Miss., on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1884.

H. L. JOHNSON, Moderator.

L. W. HARRELSON, Clerk.

SYNOPSIS
OF THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

To meet with Shiloh church, one mile north of Cole's Creek, Calhoun county, Friday before the 3d Sabbath in August, 1884. Elder R. F. Stokes to preach the introductory sermon, Elder L. W. Preddy, alternate.

ESSAYS.

1st. Do any commit the sin of Ananias and Sapphire?—Elder J. A. Killingworth.

2d. Who is represented by the elder son mentioned in

Luke 15 chapter.—A. Atkinson.

3d. Every one of our churches ought to mainta Sabbath-school.—Elder J. W. Burgess.

4th. What is the meaning of the last two clauses 26 verse of the 12 chapter of John.

QUERIES.

1st. Is it the duty of every christian who is the head o family, to keep up family prayer?

2d. Ought a member of the church to be excluded for non attendance?

3d. Ought a christian to neglect to read the Bible every day, while health and strength continues?

4th. Is it right to pay to Foreign Missions and neglect our pastor.

L. W. PREDDY, Moderator.

R. F. STOKES, Clerk.

SYNOPSIS
OF THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

To meet with Driver's Flat church, two miles south of Paris, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1884. Elder J. C. Pritchards to preach the introductory sermon, Elder H. L. Johnson, alternate. Text, Mark 16 chap. 15 verse.

Friday night Elder P. Lanford, Thos. Bratton, alternate. Text: John 13 chap. 17 verse. Saturday at 11 o'clock, G. C. Goodwin, Flem Mize, alternate. Text 1st Timothy 4th chap. 16th verse.

ESSAYS.

1st. An Exigesis on 1st Peter 3d chap. 19:20 verses.—Elder P. Lanford.

2d. The duty of a pastor to his church.—Elder Flem Mize.

3d. The evidences of christianity.—Elder James Martin.

4th. The best way to get up a concert of action among all the members of the churches to the full discharge of their duties.—Elder H. L. Johnson.

QUERIES.

1st. Did Judas ever preach the gospel?

2d. What is the duty of a church to her pastor?

3d. What should be done with a member who persistently refuses to help defray the expenses of his church?

4th. Has a church the right to extend an arm, and if so has the arm the right to grant letters of dismission.

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URGESS, J. W.....Pittsboro.
ENE, W. D.....Cole's Creek.
GRIFFIN, JOSEPH.....Sarepta.
GOODWIN, G. C.....Air Mount.
JOHNSON, H. L.....Banner.
JOHNSTON, J. A.....Sarepta.
KILLINGSWORTH, J. A.....Pittsboro.
LINDER, LEE.....Banner.
LANFORD, P.....Banner.
MARTIN, JAMES.....Cherry Hill.
MIZE, FLEM.....Paris.
MURPHREE, C. E.....Pittsboro.
PREDDY, L. W.....Pittsboro.
RILEY, G. W.....Paris.
SANDERS, JOHN.....Sarepta.
STOKES, R. F.....Pittsboro.
TRUSTY, J. W.....New Hope.
MOREHEAD, W. G.....Water Valley.

LICENTIATES.

WILSON, M.....Sarepta.
WINTER, JASPER.....Sarepta.
VERNER, T. J.....Randolph.

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Churches.	Counties.	Postoffice.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Time of meeting.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Sister Crocker.	Minute money.
Antioch	Calhoun	Banner	Joseph Griffin	W H Phillips	1	5	4	...	...	...	1	48	$ 1 65	$	$	$ 1 50
Concord	"	"	G C Goodwin	W F Ellards	1	...	1	6	...	1	1	35	.....	.....	50	1 50
Dividing Ridge	Yalobusha	Vapn's Mills	B French	C C Hill	4	5	...	3	1	...	...	55	1 60	.....	.....	1 15
Driver's Flat	Calhoun	Paris	G W Riley	W H Martin	1	6	9	12	1	4	...	78	1 65	.....	.....	1 50
Elim	Yalobusha	Coffeeville	C G Blount	H P Tate	3	3	1	3	...	...	...	36	.....	1 00	.....	70
Friendship	Calhoun	Cherry Hill	J R Sumner	T J Kellum	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	71	1 65	.....	.....	1 65
Hopewell	Pontotoc	Sarepta	E McGregor	A C Young	3	3	...	1	1	...	1	37	.....	1 00	1 00	1 30
Hebron	.....	.....	No letter	Last report	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	.....	.....	.....	.....
London Hill	.....	.....	No letter	Last report	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	Yalobusha	Water Valley	W G Morehead	Geo Birdsong	1	11	7	1	2	...	...	28	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Mt. Comfort	Calhoun	Pittsboro	.....	J T Ritch	1	1	...	4	...	...	2	41	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Mt. Tabor	"	Cotton Valley	R F Stokes	R H Cruthirds	1	13	5	1	5	1	...	73	.....	2 00	.....	1 60
Mt. Moriah	"	Sarepta	T G Bratten	J L Bagwell	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	.....	.....	2 00	1 50
Mt. Ararat	"	Banner	W G Morehead	T J McEntyre	3	1	4	...	...	...	...	17	1 00	.....	.....	
Macedonia	"	Pittsboro	L W Preddy	J A Rea	3	1	3	5	2	4	4	145	2 50	.....	2 0	
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New Hope	"	Sarepta	N McGregor	H M Berry	3	2	...	17	...	...	...	56	.....			

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New Hope	Pontotoc	"	R J Wilson	J H Smith	4	...	...	...	1	2	1	36	...	...	...	60
Poplar Springs	Calhoun	Reids	L W Preddy	G W Murff	2	10	7	3	2	2	2	97	2 00	...	5 00	3 00
Pittsboro	"	Pittsboro	R W Thompson	L W Harrelson	4	1	11	1	...	3	...	36	...	...	...	1 25
Pine Grove	Yalobusha	Vann's Mill	L Prescot	C M Brannon	2	1	...	4	...	...	2	31	...	25	...	55
Pilgrim's Rest	"	Air Mount	G C Goodwin	A W Langham	4	6	4	7	2	4	2	89	...	...	...	3 00
Pilgrim's Rest	Calhoun	...	No letter	Last report	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...
Pleatant Ridge	"	...	No letter	Last report	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	1 50
Pleasant Grove	Chickasaw	Cherry Hill	J W Burgess	A G Woods	1	6	8	...	...	1	...	43	...	...	...	1 00
Rocky Mount	Calhoun	Pittsboro	L W Preddy	J S Winter	4	2	4	2	...	1	1	73	...	...	3 00	1 45
Shiloh	"	Cole's Creek	W D Bene	J W Provine	1	2	1	7	...	2	1	65	1 00	2 00	...	1 75
Spring Creek	"	Banner	W L Gideon	H W Seals	4	6	7	1	1	1	2	108	...	...	...	3 20
Sarepta	"	Sarepta	C M Smith	J M Thornton	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	22	1 50	...	7 40	1 20
Turkey Creek	"	Pine Valley	H L Johnson	H C Newman	2	3	1	11	...	3	4	74	...	...	50	2 00
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HELD WITH

PILGRIM'S REST BAPTIST CHURCH,

YALOBUSHA CO., MISS.,

Commencing September 25th, A. D. 1884.

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Officers:

H. L. JOHNSON, ... Moderator.
L. W. HARRELSON, ... Clerk.

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Executive Board.

L. W. PREDDY, J. A. KILLINGSWORTH, W. G. MOREHEAD.
H. L. JOHNSON, L. W. HARRELSON.

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FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Pilgrim's Rest, September 25th, 1884.

The Calhoun Baptist Association met this day in its Ninth Annual Session, with the Baptist Church of Christ, at Pilgrim's Rest, Yalobusha county, Mississippi.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, by the appointee, Elder W. G. Morehead. Text: Proverbs, 9th chapter, 1st verse.

After an intermission of one hour the delegates assembled in the house, sung a hymn and prayer by the Moderator.

The Association was called to order, and the annual letters were presented and read by brethren J. M. Thornton and G. W. Riley.

Names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

Antioch—J. L. Roan, E. B. Carter.

Concord—Lee Linder, J. B. Ellard.

Dividing Ridge—W. H. Henry, J. W. Trusty, A. J. Gray.

Driver's Flat—G. W. Riley, C. Sartin.

Elam—Berry Chandler, A. G. Pate.

Friendship—G. W. Tedder.

Hopewell—(Letter, but no delegates.)

London Hill—Flem Mize, J. A. Vaughn.

Liberty—W. G. Morehead, Samuel Wilkins, G. T. Birdsong.

Hebron—Frank Tutor.

Mt. Comfort—James Rich. J. M. Hastings, J. W. Stillman.

Mt. Tabor—A. Q. Parker, John Parker, W. M. Fondren.

Mt. Moriah—Benjamin Davis.

Mt. Pleasant—J. D. Colllins, M. N. Reagan.

Macedonia—L. W. Preddy, Josiah Rea, J. F. Hardin.

Mt. Ararat—T. J. McIntyre, T. R. Striblin.

New Liberty—J. D. Whittle, B. H. Moneyham.

New Hope, (Calhoun)—Not represented.

New Hope, (Pontotoc)—G. C. Pritchards.

Poplar Springs—J. F. Noland, M. C. Morgan.

Pittsboro—L. W. Harrelson.

Pine Grove—J. C. Long.

Pilgrim's Rest, (Yalobusha)—G. C. Goodwin, C. M. Burrell, R. J. Flanagan.

Pilyrim's Rest, (Calhoun)—Not represented.

Pleasant Ridge—J. W. Winter.

Pleasant Grove—H. H. Griffin.

Rocky Mount—W. J. Green, J. S. Winter.

Shiloh—George Parker, J. W. Provine, W. R. Creekmore.

Spring Creek—H. L. Johnson, E. Ellard, P. Lanford.

Sarepta—Joseph Griffin, J. M. Thornton.

Turkey Creek—J. T. Trusty, H. C. Newman.

On motion the rules were suspended and the former Moderator, Elder H. L. Johnson, and former Clerk, L. W. Harrelson, were re-elected by acclamation, for the ensuing year.

On motion the order of business of last year was adopted.

The following brethren were appointed a Devotional Committee, viz: E. Ellard, J. M. Harrelson with the pastor and Deacons of the Pilgrim's Rest Church.

Called for corresponding messengers from other Associations or bodies, when Eld. B. French and Bros. J. Melton, J. A. Murphree, N. W. Brower and H. S. Hunter, from the Yalobusha, and W. D. Hughs and S. A. Hughs, from the Chickasaw Associations, presented themselves as such and were duly received.

Permanent Regulations of this Association.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who is present at any Association or body with which we are in Correspondence, be authorized to act as our messenger to said Association or body, upon the presentation of a minute or other satisfactory evidence of this Association, and that this be a standing resolution until the same is repealed by this body.

Petitionary letters called for.

One was presented from Mount Pleasant asking for membership in this Association, said Church having given satisfaction as to her Articles of Faith and Rules of Practice, she was duly received, the Moderator, on behalf of the Association, extending to her delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Appointment of Committees.

On Home Missions—G. W. Riley, J. F. Noland, W. J. Green.

On Foreign Missions—L. W. Preddy, T. J. McIntyre, H. C. Newman.

On Education—J. M. Thornton, E. Ellard, J. F. Hardin.

On Finance—Josiah Rea, J. M. Hastings, James Rich.

On Mississippi College—G. C. Goodwin, Joseph Griffin, J. B. Ellards.

On Temperance—W. G. Morehead, G. W. Riley, J. D. Collins.

On Nominations—L. W. Harrelson, J. W. Trusty, J. L. Roane.

On Publications—Flem Mize, Samuel Wilkinson, J. T. Birdsong.

A communication was presented from Pleasant Grove Church requesting this Associatton to ordain one Daniel Tabb, a member of said Church, and set him apart to the full work of the ministry. The communication was, on motion, referred to a Special Committee, viz: G. C. Goodwin, G. W. Riley, J. M. Harrelson, J. M. Thornton, James Tate.

The Devotional Committee reported Elder L. W. Preddy to preach to-night, and Elder P. Lanford to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder P. Lanford.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder G. C. Pritchards.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication from Pleasant Grove Church, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication from Pleasant Grove Church, in relation to the Ordination of Bro. Tabb, would recommend that the matter be referred back to the Church from whence it originated, as we disclaim any authority to act in such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GOODWIN, Chairman.

Report on Home Missions.

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit: That the Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and is worthy of our support. But the work immediately in our own bounds is the work that should most interest

us at present. We find that there is destitution in our own bounds, and we are doing comparatively nothing. Our Executive Board has done the best they could, with the means at hand, we should feel it to be our duty to see that the gospel is preached to the destitute neighborhoods and families in our bounds and to encourage the colporteur work.

We would recommend that the Association provide means to keep a Missionary and Colporteur in the field at least half the time.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. RILEY, Chairman.

The Association adjourned for preaching.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder W. G. Morehead.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report, which was ably discussed and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

We your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report: That while God has committed to the Church, the gospel of salvation, and required its promulgation to earth's remotest bounds, the Lord from heaven was sent to earth as a missionary. He has not only graciously furnished His servants with the means for its accomplishment, but has from time to time indicated (by His providential dealings) localities where He would have the gospel preached, and miraculously opened the way by demolishing the walls and bars erected against it, until now, there is scarcely a nation or province on our globe where the servants of Christ may not freely proclaim the glad tiding of salvation through a crucified and risen Savior, even the wildest savages and most obdurate barbarians have been compelled by hostile armies or the more peaceful agencies of commercial treaties, to accept the right of the

religious services of the true God, not only so but the Macedonian cry comes to us from the dark and down trodden sons and daughters of Paganism and heathenism, "Come over and help us;" therefore,

Resolved, That in view of the blessings we have received, and the indications of the Divine will, it is our duty by our prayers influence and contributions to aid in "preaching the gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. PREDDY, Chairman.

A collection was here taken up, amounting to $10 55, for Foreign Missions.

The Devotional Committee reported Elder Joseph Griffin to preach to-night at the Church; Eld. L. W. Preddy at Bro. Coker's; Eld. W. G. Morehead at Bro. Goodwin's, and Eld. Flem Mize, to-morrow at 11 o'clock, at the Church.

Report on Education.

The Committee on Education submitted the following which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Education, would report the following:

The time has come when we must absolutely educate our children. For, if intelligence does not rule, ignorance will, and we are proud to say that we think our people are being aroused on the subject of Education, as we hear of fine schools opening up in different parts of our Association. In the Northern portion there is a fine school at Banner, and one at Sarepta, and one at Pittsboro, which they propose to have chartered as a College, with all the necessary facilities for acquiring a thorough education, besides other good schools at different points. We think this shows progress in the right direction; therefore,

Resolved, That we still use every effort, and endeavor to arouse the people to a sense of their duty on this subject.

Your committee would respectfully call the attention of the Association to the subject of Ministerial Education. That if we have young men among us who feel it their duty to preach the gospel, and are not able to educate themselves it is our duty to help them with our means to accomplish this noble end.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. THORNTON, Chairman.

On motion the Association adjourned to 8 o'clock, Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder J. T. Trusty.

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THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. A. Ryan.

On motion, L. W. Harrelson was appointed a Special Committee on Obituaries.

Report on Sabbath-schools.

We, your Committee on Sabbath-Schools, beg leave to report the following: That we regret to learn through the Church letters that there are so few Sunday-schools in the Churches composing this body. We believe this work is too much neglected by the Churches of this Association. We believe further, that it is one of the best means to plant the *truth of Christ* in the minds of the youth of our country, hence we would recommend that every Church in this Association organize and keep up a live Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted.

P. LANFORD, Chairman,

Report on Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to report: For Sabbath-schools, "Kind Words," published at Macon,

Georgia; we would recommend the "Baptist Record," Clinton, Mississippi, the "Tennessee Baptist," Memphis, Tennessee. We further recommend that we buy our Sunday-school books from the American Baptist Publishing House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The "Argus," Winona, Mississippi, and the "Christian Repository," St. Louis, Missouri, are worthy of our support.

Respectfully submitted,

FLEM MIZE, Chrirman.

Report on Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report: That Intemperance is an evil destructive of peace and good order, and we, professing godliness, one and all, ought to use our best endeavors in driving this weapon of Satan from our country, that peace and quiet may reign supreme. Stroug drink especially is the parent of disorder. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty, through God. Let us wield our sword, "cry aloud and spare not."

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. MOREHEAD, Chairman.

Adjourned for preaching.

Afternoon Session.

This Association met and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. B. French.

Report on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave te report:

For Eld. James Martin	$ 4	55
" Sister Crocker	12	50
" Foreign Missions	8	75
" Home Missions	4	00
" Minutes	41	35
Total	$71	15

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH REA, Chairman.

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend Eld. F. Mize to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting and Eld. L. W. Preddy, as alternate.

We further recommend Elders L. W. Preddy, J. A. Killingsworth and W. G. Morehead. for Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. HARRELSON, Chairman.

Report on Mississippi College.

We, your Committee on Mississippi College, beg to report:

That this institution is the property of the Baptists of Mississippi, and that it has done more than any other thing in our bounds to advance our interest as a people. Between thirty and forty ministers are being educated there annually, and in this State and our sister States are found those of high standing in the ministry and other professions, that were educated at this noble institution. It is not self-sustaining because tuition is made free to ministers.

It is ours, and for this reason we as a people should give of our means to sustain it, for it is largely the life of our work in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. GOODWIN, Chairman.

Report of Executive Board.

We, your Executive Board, would respectfully submit, that we employed Elder T. H. Smith as Missionary and Colporteur, to labor in the bounds of this Association. Who reports that he collected $50 65 for Associational Missions, and $3 00 for Foreign Missions. Sold 25 Bibles, 75 Testaments, 32,219 pages of Baptist Literature, visited 75 families, traveled 275 miles, served 48 days in all.

He then discontinued the work, and turned over to your Board $12 30 in Books on a final settlement. Your Board then placed Elder G. W. Riley in the field, who reports that

he served 51 days, preached 44 Sermons, visited 78 families, traveled 435 miles, sold 6 Bibles, 52 Testaments, 52 other books, and gave away 8 Bibles and Testaments to the poor. Organized 1 Church, Baptized 5, collected $5 40 for Missions distributed 4,000 pages of Tracts and secured 17 subscribers for the "Baptist Record."

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. HARRELSON, Secretary.

Report on Obituaries.

Your special Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report the following. That having no means of arriving at the names of all the departed Saints of our Association, we can only say, that we have the assurance that they are at rest with their Savior. But while this is so wd have to mention two in particular, viz: Bros. J. S. Ryan and P. R. Thornton, whom we were accustomed to meet annually and whose presence are so sadly missed. Bro. Ryan having been mainly instrumental in organizing this Association, and was decidedly the ablest essayist in our body, he has never missed a single meeting since our organization until he was called from the walks of men. Bro. Thornton deserves special mention, for his zeal as a "Sunday-School Worker," he was also a good essayist, and rarely ever missed a meeting of this body. Their eminent piety, christian deportment and noble zeal for the Redeemer's cause, is a grand and glorious heritage left to their children and friends. May we all be able to leave the same to our children.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. HARRELSON.

On motion the rules were suspended and the several committees were appointed to report at our next meeting, viz.

Committees:

On Home Missions—W. D. Bene, Lee Linder, J. M. Harrelson.

On Foreign Missions—G. W. Riley, P. Lanford, W. F. P. Andrews.

On Education—J. A. Killingsworth, Joseph Griffin, G. W. Murff.

On Sabbath-Schools—W. G. Morehead, J. M. Trusty, A. A. Bruner.

On Mississippi College—R. F. Stokes, B. H. Landreth, T. J. Verner.

On Temperance—Flem Mize, S. B. Morgan, J. T. Trusty.

On Publications—G. C. Goodwin, L. W. Preddy, J. F. Hardin.

Resolutions Adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he retain ten dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the church at Pilgrim's Rest, and to the community around for the hospitality displayed in the entertainment of the members of this body.

After singing a hymn and giving the parting hand, and prayer by Elder W. G. Morehead, on motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the brethren at Shiloh Church, one mile north of Coles Creek Post Office, (or better known as Provine's Store), Calhoun County, Miss., on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1885.

H. L. JOHNSON, Moderator.

L. W. HARRELSON Clerk.

SYNOPSIS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

To meet with Poplar Springs Church, twelve miles north-east from Pittsboro, Calhoun county, Miss., on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in August, 1885, Elder W. D. Bene, to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder L. W. Preddy, alternate.

Essays.

1st. Final perseverance of the Saints.—Eld. W. D. Bene.

2d. Communion.—L. W. Harrelson.

3d. Can the heathen be saved without a knowledge of Christ—Elder R. F. Stokes.

Queries.

1st. Is it the duty of every Church to maintain a Sabbath School?

2d. Is it right for a pastor to accept the care of a Church that refuses to contribute to his support?

3d. Ought a man be allowed to remain in a Missionary Baptist Church and not practice Missions.

L. W. PREDDY, Moderator.

L. W. HARRELSON, Clerk.

SYNOPSIS OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The Northern District meets with Antioch Church, two and one-half miles South of Banner, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1885, Elder G. W. Riley to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. F. Mize, alternate: Text: Matt. 5th chapter, and 14th verse. Friday night, Eld. G. C. Pritchards; Elder Thomas Bratton, alternate. Text: John, 3d chapter and 3d verse. Saturday, at 11 o'clock, Eld. H. L.

Johnson; Elder W. G. Morehead, alternate. Text: Rev., 14th chapter and 5th verse.

Essays.

1st. Woman's Work, and how to do it.—Elder G. C. Goodwin.

2d. The organization of a Scriptural Church.—Elder W. G. Morehead.

3d. Are the laws of divorce of this State antagonistic to the law of divorce of the Kingdom of Christ?—Elder P. Lanford.

4th. The best means to prevent the excessive use of intoxicating drinks.—Elder F. Mize.

Queries.

1st. What are the best means to raise money for our Associational Missions?

2d. What does the vision of dry bones represent? Ezekiel, 37th chapter.

3d. What is the cause of the declension in Zion?

4th. What is the duty of brethren and sisters to each other?

5th. What should be done with a member who is not sound in the Baptist Faith? Should the Church retain or exclude him?

H. L. JOHNSON, Moderator.

J. A. DAVIS, Clerk.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Time of Meeting.
Antioch	Calhoun	Banner	G. C. Pritchards	W. H. Phillips	1
Concord	"	"	Lee Linder	W. F. Ellard	1
Dividing Ridge	Yalobusha	Vann's Mill	B. French	C. C. Hill	4
Driver's Flat	Calhoun	Paris	G. W. Riley	D. W. House	1
Elam	Yalobusha	Coffeeville		H. P. Pate	3
Friendship	Calhoun	Cherry Hill	L. W. Preddy	T. J. Kellum	2
Hopewell	Pontotoc	Sarepta	E. McGregor	A. C. Young	3
Hebron	"	Randolph	E. McGregor	T. J. Gillespie	4
London Hill	Lafayatte	Paris	F. M. Vines	J. A. Vaughn	4
Liberty	Yalobusha	Water Valley	W. G. Morehead	G. T. Birdsong	1
Mt. Comfort	Calhoun	Pittsboro	L. W. Preddy	J. T. Rich	2
Mt. Tabor	"	Cotton Valley	R. F. Stokes	J. W. Patterson	1
Mt. Moriah	"	Sarepta	G. C. Pritchards	W. J. Crocker	3
Mt. Ararat	"	Banner	W. G. Morehead	T. J. McIntyre	3
Mt. Pleasant	"	Pittsboro	L. W. Preddy	M. V. Reazon	
Macedonia	"	"	L. W. Predey	J. A. Rea	3
New Liberty	"	"	L. W. Preddy	A. Stroup	4
New Hope	"		No letter	Last report	
New Hope	Pontotoc	Sarepta	Thomas Gorley	H. H. Houpt	1
Poplar Springs	Calhoun	Reids	L. W. Preddy	J. W. Murff	2
Pittsboro	"	Pittsboro	R. W. Thompson	L. W. Harrelson	4
Pine Grove	Yalobusha	Vann's Mill	W. D. Bene	C. M. Brannon	3
Pilgrim's Rest	"	Airmount	G. C. Goodwin	A. W. Langham	4
Pilgrim's Rest	Calhoun		No letter	Last report	
Pleasant Ridge	"	Sarepta	E. McGregor	N. E. McKenzie	1
Pleasant Grove	Chickasaw	Cherry Hill	J. W. Burgess	T. G. Wood	1
Rocky Mount	Calhoun	Pittsboro	L. W. Preddy	W. J. Green	4
Shiloh	"	Cole's Creek	W. D. Bene	J. W. Pavine	1
Spring Creek	"	Banner	H. L. Johnson	H. W. Seales	4
Sarepta	"	Sarepta	C. W. Smith	J. M. Thornton	3
Turkey Creek	"	Pine Valley	H. L. Johnson	H. C. Newman	2
				Grand total	

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CLERKS.	Time of Meeting.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Foreign Missions.	Assoc. Missions.	Bro. Martin.	Sister Crocker.	Minute Money.
W. H. Phillips	1	.....	...	5	...	...	...	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70
W. F. Ellard	1	5	9	5	...	...	...	44	.....	.....	50	50	1 50
C. C. Hill	4	2	2	.....	...	1	1	59	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75
D. W. House	1	1	9	5	...	3	1	62	1 65	6 70	.....	.....	1 50
H. P. Pate	3	.....	...	.....	1	...	2	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
T. J. Kellum	2	14	1	7	1	1	...	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
A. C. Young	3	.....	1	6	...	...	...	31	.....	1 00	.....	.....	70
T. J. Gillespie	4	11	...	.....	...	...	1	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
J. A. Vaughn	4	3	5	4	2	...	...	54	2 70	.....	.....	.....	1 25
G. T. Birdsong	1	1	4	2	...	2	...	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
J. T. Rich	2	4	2	1	1	...	...	47	.....	.....	.....	55	1 00
J. W. Patterson	1	.....	...	3	2	...	...	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75
W. J. Crocker	3	15	11	5	3	1	1	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75
T. J. McIntyre	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	55
M. V. Reazon	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
J. A. Rea	3	5	5	8	1	...	2	147	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
A. Stroup	4	1	...	8	...	4	...	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15
Last report	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. H. Houpt	4	5	1	.....	...	...	2	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
J. W. Murff	2	8	4	1	4	6	1	105	1 05	.....	.....	.....	2 50
L. W. Harrelson	4	.....	5	7	...	1	1	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
C. M. Brannon	3	1	1	2	...	1	...	28	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
A. W. Langham	4	.....	1	8	...	7	...	74	.....	.....	4 65	4 10	3 00
Last report	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. E. McKenzie	1	22	7	5	...	...	...	103	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
A. G. Wood	1	.....	...	.....	...	3	1	44	.....	1 00	.....	.....	75
W. J. Green	4	3	5	4	2	...	1	79	.....	5 40	.....	2 00	1 55
W. W. Provine	1	6	..	7	1	2	..	63	3 00	10 00	.....	.....	2 00
H. W. Seales	4	3	7	3	...	1	...	114	.....	34 00	.....	.....	2 70
J. M. Thornton	3	.....	1	1	...	...	...	22	.....	2 00	.....	3 35	1 00
H. C. Newman	2	1	9	5	4	2	1	82	2 45	8 45	.....	.....	2 00
Grand total	..	111	90	101	22	35	15	1807	15 85	58 85	5 15	11 50	41 35